document indicates that water borne diseases to the extent of 70-80% are related to water contamination and poor sanitation. "Water", that is to say, "Water supplies" falls within the jurisdiction of the legislative powers of the State Governments *vide* item 17 of the List II-State List under Seventh Schedule referred to in the Article 246(3) of the constitution. However, Ministry of Urban Development has been providing assistance to the State Government under Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) for water supply projects in small towns with a population upto 20,000 as per 1991/2001 Census. The Centrally sponsored AUWSP has been subsumed in the newly launched scheme of Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT). In order to provide safe drinking water supply and other infrastructure facilities/basic amenities for all cities/towns in the country, Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3.12.2005 along with two omnibus schemes namely (i) UIDSSMT and (ii) Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme. 63 cities have been selected on the basis of population criteria as per 2001 census and religious/historic and touristic importance for coverage under the Mission. The cities/towns not covered under JNNURM are eligible for assistance under UIDSSMT. Water supply and sanitation are eligible components for assistance under JNNURM and UIDSSMT.

**Bangalore Metro Rail**

1154. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned certain funds for the construction of Metro Railways in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned and by when and in that manner the same would be utilized;

(c) by when the work is likely to be started and the areas which would be covered by the Metro Rail; and

(d) the details and status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No definite date for the start of the work can be indicated at this stage. The proposal comprises of two corridors having a total length of 33 kms. as follows:

| Line | Alignment | Length |
|---|---|---|
| East-West corridor | Indira Nagar — CMH Road —Swami Vivekanand Road — MG Road — Ambedkar Road — Post Office Road —KG Road — Majestic— KSRTC Bus Stand-Bangalore City Railway Station — Magadi Road — Toll Gate Junction-Chord Road — Vijay Nagar — Mysore Road upto Ring Road Junction. | 18.1 Km |
| North — South corridor | Yeshwantpur —Chord Road— Mahakavi Kuvempu Road — Swastic — Platform Road — KSRTC Bust Stand — Chikpet — City Market — KR Road— Vanivilas Road — Lal Bagh— Southend circle — R V Road upto Jayanagar | 14.9 km. |

The estimated completion cost of the project is Rs. 6395 crores without waiver of Taxes. The proposal is at an advanced stage of consideration by the Government of India.

**People living in unauthorised colonies**

1155. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people are living in unauthorized colonies in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and